4. सूचना कुंओं से संग्रहण किए गए चट्टान तथा कोयले के नमूनों की प्रयोगशाला में जांच ;

5. पृष्ठभूमि प्रि-टेस्ट पैरामीटरों को प्राप्त किए जाने के लिए ध्वनिक अध्ययनों को शुरू किया जाना ;

6. अनुसंधान एवं विकास पायलट परियोजना के लिए अपेक्षित सतही सुविधाओं तथा बड़े उपकरणों का विनिर्दिष्टीकरण ।

U.S. proposal for a Nuclear Free Sub-continent

*248. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the U.S. Secretary of State for International Security had forwarded certain proposals for Inlo-Pak bilateral understandig on a nuclear weapon free sub-continent;

(b) if so, whether India reacted favouraby to such proposals as widely reported in the Press;

(c) what is the manner in which these proposals differ substantially from the Pak-Bangladesh Resolution on nuclear weapon free zone in South Asia, which was opposed by India but supported by the Soviet Union; and

(d) whether India's different approach to the U.S.A. and the Soviet Union was guided in any way by India's expectations of economic assistance from these countries?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (d) US Under Secretary of State for International Security Affairs Mr. Bartholomew during his visit to Delhi last month made certain suggestions relating to nuclear and security issues in South Asia. These relate to confidence building measures in the nuclear and conventional field and not to the issue of a nuclear weapon free zone in South Asia. No decision has been taken on the matter and our position will continue to conform to India's national interests.

Improvement of National Highways in Karnataka

*249. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a what are the norms set for declaring existing highways as national highways;

(b) what is the length of national highways in kilometres, statewise;

(c) what are the details of the proposals received from Karnataka for taking up national highways; and

(d) what efforts have been made by the Central Government to improve the national highway position in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) The National Highways are declared keeping in view the following guideines/norms besides the availability of resuorces, recommendations of the National Transport Policy Committee (NTPC), *inter se* priorities attached to each individual road on an all India basis, proximity of other National Highways and various proposals received from the State Governments:—

(i) roads which run through the length and breadth of the country;

(ii) roads connecting adjacent countries;

(iii) roads connecting State capitals;

(iv) roads connecting major Ports and important industrial or tourist centres;

(v) roads meeting very important strategic requirements;

(vi) roads carrying high density of traffic over an adequate length; and

(vii) roads which will enable sizeable reduction in travel distance and achievement of substantial economies thereby.

(b) and (c) The requisite information is contained in the attached appendices separately as Statement-I and Statement-II. (*See below*).

(d) The improvement/development of National Highways is a continuous process and is carried out in a phased manner depending upon the traffic needs, *inter-se* priorities *vis-a-vis* other improvement works and availability of funds. Expenditure incurred on the development and maintenance of National Highways in Karnataka during the past few years is as under, viz.

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Expenditure incurred	
	Development of National Highways	Maintenance/Repairs
1988-89	1657·33	793·64
1989-90	1816·72	847·94
1990-91	1920·43	883·04
1991-92 (Allocations)	1800·00	635·00

Statement-I

Statewise Legth of National Highways

S.No.	Name of State/Union Territory	Length of N.H. in Kms. (Provisional)
1	2	3
1	Andhra Pradesh	2519
2	Arunachal Pradesh	330
3	Assam	2296
4	Bihar	2117
5	Chandigarh	24
6	Delhi	72
7	Goa	229
8	Gujarat	1631

1	2	3
9	Haryana	698
10	Himachal Pradesh	854
11	Jammu and Kashmir	648
12	Karnataka	1996
13	Kerala	940
14	Madhya Pradesh	2946
15	Maharashtra	2918
16	Manipur	431
17	Meghalaya	472
18	Mizoram	551
19	Nagaland	113
20	Orissa	1649
21	Punjab	892
22	Rajasthan	2931
23	Sikkim	62
24	Tamil Nadu	1896
25	Tripura	200
26	Uttar Pradesh	2613
27	West Bengal	1638
28	Pondicherry	23
		33,689

Statement-II

Proposals Reffered By Govt. of Karnataka For Being Declared As National Highway In the 8th Five Year Plan

		Kms.
(i)	Mysore-Srirangapatna-Nagamangala-Chikkanaikanahalli-Hullur-Hiriyur-Bellary-Siruguppa-Shahpur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (to join NH-9)	678
(ii)	Belgaum-Bijapur-Gulbarga-Humnabad (to join NH-9)	364
(iii)	Bangalore-Mysore-Mercara-Mangalore (to join NH-17)	385
(iv)	Belgaum-Bagikot-Raichur-Mehaboobnagar (Andhra Pradesh)	336
(v)	Tumkur-Arsikere-Shimoga-Sagar Honnavar (to join NH-17)	332
(vi)	Gooty on NH-7 in Andhra Pradesh-Guntakal-Bellary-Hospet-Koppal-Gadag-Hubli-Yellapur-Balaguli-Karwar (to join NH-17)	422

(vii)	Bangalore-Mysore-Nanjangud-Gundlupet-Ooty-Coimbatore (to join NH-47 in Tamil Nadu)	220
(viii)	Chitradurga-Holalkere-Hosadurga-Chikmagalur-Mudigere-Belthangadi-Mangalore (to join NH-17)	283
(ix)	Dharwar-Londa-Anmod-Panaji (to join NH-17)	95
(x)	Padubidri-Karkala-Sringeri-Trirthahalli-Shikaripur-Shiralkoppa-Hubli-Bagalkot-Hungud	550
(xi)	Sirsi (on NH-4 Bangalore-Pune Road) Madhurigi-Gouribidnur-Chikballapur-Chintamani-Srinivasapur-Mulbagal (NH-4 Bangalore-Madras road)	160
(xii)	Bangalore-Kankanhalli-Malavalli-Mysore-Nanjangud-Sultanbatery-Calicut	240
(xiii)	Chitradurga-Arasikere-Holenarasipur-Madikeri-Tellicherry	360
	TOTAL:	4425

Grant-in-Aid for the Indian Council of World Affairs

*250. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Council of World Affairs has been declared as an institution of national importance;

(b) if so, whether any grant-in-aid has been given to it to enable it to maintain its national character; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The present position is that the Indian Council of World Affairs does not stand declared as an institution of national importance; however proposals to re-introduce legislation in this regard have been received and are under consideration.

सूती धागे और कपड़ा उत्पादन की क्षमता का बेहतर उपयोग किए जाने की आवश्यकता

*251. डा० जितेन्द्र कुमार जैन :

श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या वस्त्र मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश से प्रति वर्ष कपास, सूती-धागे और सिले-सिलाये वस्त्रों का निर्यात किया जाता है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 1990-91 के दौरान अगस्त-सितम्बर, 1991 तक कुल कितने मूल्य के कपास, सूती धागे और सिले-सिलाये वस्त्रों का निर्यात किया गया है ;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि कपास के निर्यात की तुलना में सूती धागे और सिले-सिलाये वस्त्रों के निर्यात से अधिक विदेशी-मुद्रा प्राप्त होती है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो क्या यह भी सच है कि देश में सूती धागे और कपड़े के उत्पादन की पर्याप्त स्थापित क्षमता है ; और